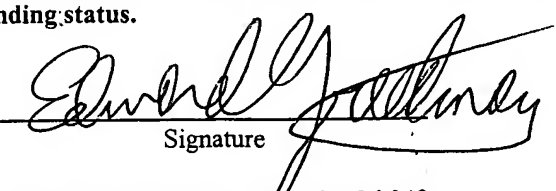
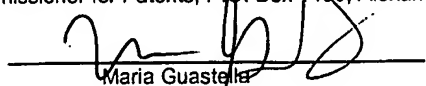


FORM PCT 1390 REV. 5/93		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. VERWOERD 1 PCT	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.51) <b>10/550133</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/002704		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE MARCH 16, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 21, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION ANNULAR-GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gerrit VERWOERD					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has <b>NOT</b> expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>					
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:  PCT/ISA/210 - Int'l. Search Report (English)  4 SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS</li> </ol>					

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The following fees are submitted: <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Search Fee ..... \$500.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Examination Fee ..... \$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$750.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee paid (37 CFR 1.82) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. .... \$1,110.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$100.00 <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY	
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE				
-100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00				
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.							
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>  20  </u> <u>  30  </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).							
Claims	Number Filed	# Extra	Rate				
Total Claims	6 - 20 =	- 0 -	x \$ 50.00				
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	- 0 -	x \$200.00				
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00				
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1,000.00			
Reduction by 1/2 for Small Entity status, if applicable.							
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$1,000.00			
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <u>  20  </u> <u>  30  </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).							
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$1,000.00			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$			
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$1,000.00			
				Amt to be: refunded		\$	
				charged		\$	
Applicant claims Small Entity status. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1000</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-2468 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>							
<b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b> COLLARD & ROE, P.C. (Customer No. 25889) 1077 Northern Boulevard Roslyn, New York 11576-1696 (516) 365-9802 Express Mail No. EV 686 521 705 US Date of Deposit: <b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2005</b>				 Signature Edward R. Freedman, Reg. No. 26,048			
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450.							
 Maria Guastella							